



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF TALL'AFAR



In the Name of Allah, The Merciful God.

Dear President Bush,

In my name and on behalf of the people of the city Tall'afar, Iraq, would like to extend the utmost thanks, and respect to you and the peoples of the United States of America for the sacrifices you have made for our city and all of Iraq to establish a basis of democracy, justice, and freedom.

Mr. President, I am writing this letter for you on behalf of 250,000 men, women, and children that have been granted their freedom by the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, which is part of your great Army, after it was the second base, if not, the first base for infamous Abu Musa'ab Al Zarkawi in Northwest Iraq. This city was completely held hostage at the hands of terrorists with an average of 6 innocent people being killed, and 20 injured every day. For months the sky was raining bullets and mortars until the city became a ghost town. Schools and city offices were closed, and even the hospital was inaccessible. The terrorist's atrocities went so far as to kill patients in the hospital, fill their bodies with explosives, and throw them in the streets to kill more people. Parents were looking at their bloody children in the streets and were helpless to do anything about it. This was the situation in our city, sir, until the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment with Heroic Colonel McMaster and Heroic Lieutenant Colonel Hickey arrived accompanied by brave officers and soldiers, working side by side with me, the Iraqi Army, and the Iraqi Police, holding high morals and strong conviction, which made us able to destroy the will to fight of the terrorist and then destroyed the terrorist themselves through a unique military operation in September of 2005, which I consider, the cleanest and most successful operation in Iraq and probably all history of war. In that operation, more than 150 terrorists were killed, over 600 were captured, and the rest fled like rats. Immediately after that operation, we have started the process of healing this injured city, restoring the services, and reconstructing the infrastructure.

Our city started breathing again, life is being restored slowly, and security is improving. The people of Tall'afar have grown to love the heroes of 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and have started social relationships with them. At the same time, many soldiers have forged many friendships and social relations with the citizens of Tall'afar. Our city is in intensive care and healing from what it has suffered at the hands of the terrorists. In this critical state we are shocked to learn the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment will leave after all these great accomplishments.

Mr. President, we are asking for your compassion, to delay the re-deployment of this brave unit until our city is completely healed. It is the hope of all the citizens of Tall'afar that you will respond favorably to our request. We are asking you, Mr. President, and the citizens of the United States, to allow the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and the citizens of Tall'afar to have the opportunity to complete the stabilization of the city.

Once again, we are very thankful to you and all our American friends, and special thanks and respect for the families of these heroes' who present freedom to Iraq and humanity in general.

May God bless you and help you spread freedom and justice in the world,



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Mayor of Tall'afar